

Lee County Courthouse
701 Avenue F.
Fort Madison
Lee County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-76

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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STATE IOWA	COUNTY LEE	TOWN OR VICINITY FORT MADISON
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) LEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE		HABS NO. IA-76
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 701 Avenue F.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1841-42	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This structure is one of the finest Greek Revival buildings in the state and one of the oldest surviving courthouses		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Constructed of brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The courthouse measures 50' (three-bay front) x 100' (four bays) and is two stories in height. It is capped with a gable roof, the ridge perpendicular to the front.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The structure, built in the temple plan, contains a tetrastyle portico of brick Doric columns, capped by a simple pedimented gable. The entablature runs on all facades.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Containing a central hall plan, the courtroom is located at the south end of the second floor.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES A post-Civil War cupola was destroyed by fire in 1911. There has been additions to the rear, and extensive interior alterations		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent, presumably as a courthouse.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Shank, Wesley I., <u>The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey</u> , University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, 1979.		
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